



JOE FOSS
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day, celebrated each year on May 1st, or days proximate thereto, was originated some decades ago by V.F.W. members in the East as a counter to the annual May Day demonstrations of Communists, or loyalty as opposed to disloyalty; and

WHEREAS, the idea caught on, grew and spread until in 1950 the observance was inaugurated by the V.F.W. on a nationwide basis, not only as a successful counter to Communism, but to afford an opportunity at a specific time each year when all loyal Americans could stand up and be counted; and

WHEREAS, cooperation of civic, veteran, fraternal, labor and women's organizations, religious, educational and youth groups, and individual citizens, was sought and obtained in the celebration of this non-partisan, non-sectarian, cooperative program which has the endorsement of the Governors of the States and Territories and which has continued to expand each year; and

WHEREAS, national recognition has been accorded by the receipt of five consecutive awards from Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, including their highest, the Distinguished Service Award presented in 1953 for winning the fourth award; by approval of publicity media; and by a Bill pending before the 84th Congress to officially designate May 1st as Loyalty Day; and

WHEREAS, the V.F.W. sponsored and directed Loyalty Day has, at a critical period in our history, become established as a time for open and avowed rededication to, and re-education in, all those things that have made America great:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1955, as

LOYALTY DAY

in South Dakota and do urge all South Dakotans to observe this day in whatever manner they deem appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 27th day of April, 1955.

Attest: Secretary of State Governor
Geraldine Ostroot Joe Foss

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